Creating access tiers in Azure Storage via the Azure Portal involves configuring the storage account and setting access tiers for your blobs. Here’s a step-by-step guide to achieve this:

**Step 1: Create a Storage Account**

1. **Sign in to Azure Portal**: Go to [Azure Portal](https://portal.azure.com/) and sign in with your credentials.
2. **Create a Storage Account**:
   * Navigate to the **Storage accounts** service.
   * Click on **+ Create**.
   * Fill in the necessary details such as **Subscription**, **Resource Group**, **Storage Account Name**, **Region**, and **Performance**.
   * In the **Replication** section, choose the desired replication type (e.g., LRS, GRS).
   * Click **Review + create** and then **Create** after validation.

**Step 2: Configure Access Tiers for the Storage Account**

1. **Access the Storage Account**: Once the storage account is created, navigate to it.
2. **Access Tiers**:
   * In the **Overview** section, you can see the default access tier setting for the storage account (Hot, Cool, Archive).
   * To change the default access tier for all new blobs, click on **Configuration** under **Settings**.
   * Under **Default access tier for blob**, select the desired tier (Hot, Cool).

**Step 3: Set Access Tiers for Individual Blobs**

1. **Navigate to Containers**:
   * Go to the **Containers** section under **Data storage**.
   * Select or create a container.
2. **Upload Blobs**:
   * Upload blobs if you haven't already.
3. **Change Access Tiers for Blobs**:
   * Select the blob(s) you want to change the access tier for.
   * Click on **Change tier** in the top menu.
   * Choose the desired access tier (Hot, Cool, Archive).
   * Click **Save**.

**Step 4: Verify Access Tier Settings**

1. **Check Blob Properties**:
   * Click on a blob to view its properties.
   * The access tier should be displayed under **Properties**.
2. **Monitoring**:
   * Use the **Monitoring** section to view metrics and ensure the access tiers are set correctly.

**Summary of Access Tiers**

* **Hot**: Optimized for storing data that is accessed frequently.
* **Cool**: Optimized for data that is infrequently accessed and stored for at least 30 days.
* **Archive**: Optimized for data that is rarely accessed and stored for at least 180 days, with retrieval times in hours.

By following these steps, you can effectively manage and configure access tiers in Azure Storage using the Azure Portal.